

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows: Cancel claims 21-24 without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter thereof.

Claim 1 (Original) An AMP deaminase (AMPDA) crystal, wherein said crystal is tetragonal.

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Claim 2 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said crystal consists essentially of the catalytic domain of AMPDA.

Claim 3 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said AMPDA is from a mammal.

Claim 4 (Original) The crystal of claim 3, wherein the AMPDA is from a rabbit.

Claim 5 (Original) The crystal of claim 4, wherein the sequence of said AMPDA consists essentially of amino acids 96-747 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 6 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said crystal is grown using citric acid as a precipitating agent.

Claim 7 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said crystal is grown in the pH range of 7.80-8.20.

Claim 8 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said crystal is grown in the presence of imidazole.

Claim 9 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said crystal has a space group P4.sub.22.sub.12.

Claim 10 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said crystal has unit cell dimensions of a=b=149 .ANG. +/-3 .ANG., c=159 .ANG.+/-3 .ANG..

Claim 11 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein the active site of said AMPDA is contained in a cleft formed by additional helices between first and second strands of a (.beta..alpha.).sub.8 barrel fold, and a helix immediately following a third strand.

Claim 12 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said AMPDA has a pocket which can accommodate the adenine group of AMP, which pocket is formed by amino acid residues including residues His305, Phe372, Phe375, Asp513, Glu575, His594, and Asp650.

Claim 13 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said AMPDA has a pocket which can accommodate the ribose and phosphate groups of AMP, which pocket is formed by amino acid residues His305, Ala306, Ala307, Ala308, Phe375, Asn376, Tyr379, Arg388, Lys393, Ser427, Tyr429, Pro460, Ile462, Val512, and Asp513.

Claim 14 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein said crystal diffracts X-rays to 3.5 .ANG. or higher resolution.

Claim 15 (Original) The crystal of claim 1 further comprising heavy metal atoms.

Claim 16 (Original) The crystal of claim 1 further comprising an AMPDA inhibitor that has been soaked into said crystal.

Claim 17 (Original) The crystal of claim 16, wherein said inhibitor is an AMPDA transition state analogue.

Claim 18 (Original) The crystal of claim 17, wherein said inhibitor is a cofornycin analogue.

Claim 19 (Original) The crystal of claim 18, wherein said inhibitor is cofonycin or 3-(2'-(3"-carboxynaphthyl) ethyl)coformycin aglycone.

Claim 20 (Original) The crystal of claim 1, wherein the primary sequence of said

AMPDA has 90% or higher identity at the amino acid level to the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

Claims 21-24 (Cancelled)

Claim 25 (Original) An AMPDA polypeptide selected from the group consisting of: a) a polypeptide having the deduced amino acid sequence translated from the polynucleotide sequence in SEQ ID NO: 1 and variants, fragments, homologues, analogues and derivatives thereof; and b) a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2 and variants, fragments, homologues, analogues and derivatives thereof.